

**REMARKS**

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding restriction requirement. The Examiner has divided the instant case into three inventions, Group I being claims 1 and 2 and drawn to an apparatus for liquid food sterilization; Group II, claims 3-7 drawn to a method for liquid food sterilization; and Group III, claims 8 and 9 drawn to the liquid food.

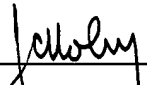
The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 and 2 drawn to the apparatus for liquid food sterilization. This election is made without traverse.

The claims to the other inventions are retained in this application pending decision by the applicant to file divisional applications.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited.

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